

TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO DEVELOP CALIFORNIA COHO RECOVERY STRATEGY

DESCRIPTION:

- On Aug. 30, 2002, the California Fish and Game Commission designated coho salmon between the San Francisco Bay and Punta Gorda to be endangered under the California Endangered Species Act
- CDFG must prepare a recovery strategy for coho in the designated area and present it to the State Fish and Game Commission by Aug. 30, 2003
- CDFG has assembled a recovery team consisting of CDFG personnel, other state and federal agency personnel, representatives of various stakeholders, affected local governments, landowners, environmental groups, and persons with scientific expertise
- CDFG has indicated that SCWA could provide services useful to the recovery strategy effort, including the funding of facilitation, technical writing, and resource economic evaluation under the direction of the CDFG
- SCWA will also provide technical support to other stakeholders in the development of the strategy, including peer review; additional genetics analysis; evaluation of ocean conditions; and assisting in the development of the guidelines for the recovery strategy
- It is expected that the timely completion of the State Coho Recovery Strategy could speed and advance the development of the ongoing federal recovery planning process for the three federally listed species in the Russian River watershed: coho and Chinook salmon and steelhead

PROJECT GOAL

Provide assistance to the California Department of Fish and Game to facilitate development of the State Coho Recovery Strategy.

- SCWA involvement in supporting the State Coho Recovery Strategy will help integrate local concerns into the process; incorporate water supply, sanitation and flood control issues into recovery planning; and identify related impacts and costs to be shared by all the entities involved

PARTNERSHIPS:

- California Department of Fish and Game
- Sonoma County Water Agency

